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Why security scanners installed around four entrances of Vidhana Soudha have been defunct for over a year

SPANNER IN THE SCANNER

Police using hand-held metal detectors to scan visitors' baggage

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The scanners installed at the four entrances of Vidhana Soudha for security purposes have been defunct for more than a year. With no measures taken to repair or replace the defunct scanners, the police personnel deputed for security duty at the Soudha have to use hand-held metal detectors to scan visitors' baggage.

"We have been struggling a lot to scan the baggage of visitors with hand-held metal detectors. The higher authorities are aware of the defunct scanners but nothing has been done till date," said a police constable. It will be a herculean task for the police to scan baggage of all visitors with hand-held metal detectors

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Condition of the scanner at Vidhana Soudha

Security officials squeezed
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3 THINGS TO DO

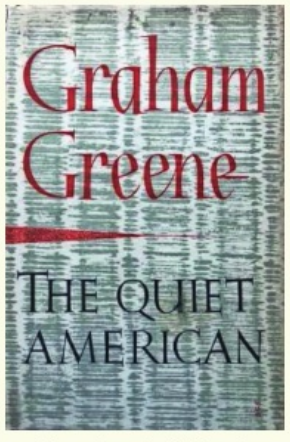
01 Tunes to remember

Participate in an evening of music at Lahe Lahe. Come along and be part of this session of two amazing singers/ bands from Bangalore and get mesmerised with their music. This will be followed by an open mic where 10 people from the audience get to perform for 3 minutes each.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: January 8, 6-8 pm

02 Handlooms and more

New Crafts is organising silk India exhibition, a unique display which brings together rural weavers from different parts of India featuring vast collection of handlooms, dress material and sarees. You can find jewellery: silver, kundan and meenakari, textiles, handmade paper, precious and semi-precious stones: gemstone, paintings, leather craft, handcrafted items and much more.
Where: Sindhoor Convention Centre, JP Nagar
When: Ongoing

03 Talking books



What better way to spend a weekend than by indulging in a good book discussion? Catch a review of The Quiet American, a 1955 novel by English author Graham Greene. Narrated in the first person by journalist Thomas Fowler, the novel depicts the breakdown of French colonialism in Vietnam and early American involvement in the Vietnam War. A subplot concerns a love triangle between Fowler, an American CIA agent named Alden Pyle, and Phuong, a young Vietnamese woman. **Where: Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road; When: January 8, 11:30 am - 1 pm Contact: 9845013055, 9945022177**

KSRTC's recycle policy: Old bus in a new look

Old Sarige buses being refurbished to meet shortage; project has reduced expenses by 92.68% per bus

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The bus is stripped to its basic skeleton in the workshop and then rebuilt all over again

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is refurbishing old Sarige buses to meet a shortage in their fleet.

The buses being docked out of the Kengeri workshop resemble a brand-new look. While the chassis remains the same, the shell of the bus is completely renovated. Corroded parts of the chassis are also replaced to add extra strength to the bus.

As of now, 145 buses have been refurbished including 74 damaged buses and 71 buses refurbished as part of routine at the workshop. Most buses have been assigned to the Chikkaballapura division with an addition of 20 refurbishments and the least in Chikkamagaluru with 1 such bus.

Additionally, 11 buses in Tumakuru, 10 in Chitradurga, nine in Chamarajanagar, four in Davangere, seven in Kolar, seven in Mandya, nine in Mysuru, 11 in Ramnagar, to the respective division fleet. At the workshop, currently, around 30 buses are in the process of refurbishment. There are two workshops, one in Hassan, and one in Kengeri. The corporation hopes to refurbish nearly 500 buses by June 2023.

The majority of the vehicles brought in run an average of 12 lakh km and have run for at least 10 years. The refurbishment process can at least run for an additional 5-6 lakh km.

The refurbishment takes place in a few steps. First, the bus is stripped to its basic skeletal structure. Further, the chassis is inspected and corroded/ damaged areas are removed and replaced. In the next stage, the panels are removed and replaced. Additionally, all other parts that need replacement from roof to seat upholstery, footboard, etc are replaced. Finally, it's taken to the body shop for a coat of paint.

A unique salient feature is the pneumatically controlled door. With most of these buses running long distances, KSRTC is planning to run these buses with a single crew model. Without the conductor, the driver of the bus controls the front door. Additionally, the rear door has been removed to add two more seats. These buses can be distinguished by the 75-year Amrutha Mahotsav logo on the side and a depiction of a tree on the rear side.

However, as per the draft amendment to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, all government vehicles are owned by the central government and its departments. State/UT government and departments, local government institutions, state transport undertakings, public sector undertakings, and autonomous bodies with the central and state government, need to be scrapped after a period of 15 years. The rule will come into force from April 2023. In case the refurbished buses need to be scrapped after 15 years, the bus exterior will be fitted onto a better bus.

KSRTC officials say that it's a cost-effective solution. While a new bus costs around Rs 41 lakh, the refurbishment only takes Rs 3 lakh. There is an estimated 92.68 per cent decrease in expenditure per bus. Each bus is refurbished within 950 hours from acceptance to dispatch. The vehicles can immediately be added back to the fleet. In case the chassis has developed cracks or the cost exceeds 3 lakhs, the buses are not considered for refurbishment.

KSRTC MD Anbu Kumar said, "Buses that have run 10 lakh kilometres are being made to look brand new. This would be a major cost-cutting for KSRTC with not having to spend Rs 30-35 lakh per bus. We have brought out 162 buses that have been added to the fleet."

She's several steps ahead of the world

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A nine-year-old Bengaluru girl has made the city proud by taking part in international chess tournaments representing India. In 2022, she held the award for being the National Under 9 Girls Chess Champion and Karnataka Under 9 Girls Chess Champion. Chess champion Pratitee Bordoloi is an achiever in many fields and holds the record for being ranked first in the National Under-9 Open and Girls Chess Championship held in Indore from December 25, 2022, to January 2, 2023. She also holds Rank 1 for the Karnataka State Under 9 Girls Chess Championship, 2022 organised by Shivamogga District Chess Association. Pratitee is a Grade 3 student at Shishya BEML Public School.

Apart from chess, she is also a math whiz and also holds Rank 1 for the SOF-International Mathematics Olympiad held in the year 2022. Her parents say that it is due to her discipline in life.

"Pratitee has been attending Maths Olympiad since Grade 1. She was always good at calculations and we decided to introduce her to chess as it involves calculating moves. During the pandemic, she practised chess a lot. With no offline tournaments taking place, she used to take part in online tournaments. She only started training for chess for the past two years under woman grandmaster Aarthie Ramaswamy in Chess Gurukul. Her training has been online alone. Currently, she is training under an international master, Satya Pragyan," said her parents.

Her parents noted that her discipline allowed her to allocate time for chess. She usually trains for 1-1.5 hour for chess and one hour for Maths Olympiad. She loves mathematics and used to solve problems on her own, they added. Apart from chess and maths, she is also into singing and painting and spends her free time indulging herself.

Nine-year-old Pratitee Bordoloi eats, breathes, sleeps chess

Pratitee aspires to rise higher and plans on competing in world championships like World Cadet, Egypt World Championship, Asian Youth and World Youth.

Ways to school, safer & smoother

Safe Roads to Schools project to make a comeback this June in all 8,600 schools in Bengaluru

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According to the blueprint of the project, there will be a dedicated traffic plan for school kids

The Safe Road to Schools (SRTS) project is set to be back in the city from the next academic year, in a bigger avatar.

Police say that the project which was just limited to 16 schools earlier will be extended to all the 8,600 schools in Bengaluru from June 2023. The educational institutions are to reopen by May-end -- classes will be on hold in many schools due to exam season or semester break -- and this has given ample time for the police to prepare a detailed blueprint for this project.

Special Commissioner (Traffic) MA Saleem said, "The SRTS was started in 16 schools in the Central Business District in 2012. It used to be a successful model and had even bagged an international award. Hence, we are now planning to reintroduce SRTS in all 8,600 schools from the next academic year. As of now, we are busy preparing the blueprint. The focus will be on three main aspects: firstly, schools should start before 8.30 am, secondly, a dedicated traffic plan apart from the peak and non-peak hour traffic and thirdly, encouraging students to use public transport and discourage private transport. All these measures have been taken to create safety around school campuses."

However, the big challenge for the police and public is that the areas near school campuses are turning out to be traffic hotspots.

The problem is acute at places like Residency Road where the road gets blocked during school opening and closure timings.

> **"We are collecting data on school timings and police are visiting schools & planning to ease the congestion**
>
> –MA Saleem,
> Special Commissioner (Traffic)

"Instead of launching something new, the focus is also on reviving old programmes. For example, we are reviving prepaid auto stands which are helping the commuters. Similarly, SRTS will be revived as well. For a while, we have been discussing with school authorities to encourage students and parents to use public transport like buses or vans instead of using personal cars or bikes. In fact, public transport is quite beneficial for students as well as they will be safer and develop camaraderie. On the other hand, personal vehicles can only lead to congestion," Saleem added.

Police said that the project had hit a road block due to Covid as all the schools moved from offline to online mode.

As a result, most of the school buses remained static for almost two years. So, when the schools re-started partially in 2020 and 2021 and completely from 2022, the traffic congestion was back to pre-Covid levels near the campuses. Hence, the pressure increased on the police to bring back SRTS.

"Currently, we are collecting data about the school timings and police are visiting schools as to how to solve the traffic congestion. There are plans to introduce a separate carriageway for school buses near campuses. There will be no permission for the school buses to be parked outside the campus after 8.30 am.

"The buses should re-enter the campus only during the pickup time. If any school bus violates the order, then they will be penalised. Schools should also mark designated drop and pick-up points for parents as well," said a police officer.

Road risks? Blame it on the moos

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Despite several complaints about stray cattle on the road posing danger to motorists, no permanent solution has been taken by the authorities yet.

Recently, the residents of Kanakapura Road and nearby areas complained to the traffic police about the 'cattle menace' in the locality and urged the authorities to take an action against the same.

One such resident, VK Srivatsa, told Bangalore Mirror, "The problem is that there is no permanent solution. After we complain, sometimes, the BBMP vehicle comes to catch the cattle but they leave it someplace else. It is back to square one again."

The cattle sit in the middle of the road and put the motorists under danger. It dangerous for the cattle also as they might get injured or get poached, he added further. Due to the low availability of medicinal supplies or veterinary facilities, it makes the problem worse for the animals. "An accident occurred where the cow was injured and we had to call AHVS, the Animal Husbandry Department, and CUPA. It was later taken to a gaushala," the residents informed.

The residents said that the problem reappeared less than one hour after the authorities have caught the cattle from the area. The problem, however, is not limited to some parts of the city.

Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), West division, said "We keep on telling BBMP to come and help us remove the stray cattle from the roads. We can find a number of cows on the road which creates a hindrance for traffic movement in the area."

The BBMP Animal Husbandry Department told Bangalore Mirror that catching the cattle is a difficult task for the civic agency.

"We recently had a meeting where we discussed that the stray cattle from the road will be removed and moved to private gaushalas however, the drive is yet to be started. We have taken after the complaints in a few areas like Koramangala and have removed the cattle. Five - ten animals have been accepted by the gaushalas as well.... The problem is that it is not an easy task to catch the stray cattle," a senior official from BBMP animal husbandry department explained.

The official said that they are looking into providing a permanent solution for the problem in the city.

Woman ends life after being harassed

A young woman ended her life in Mallathahalli, Bengaluru Rural, after she was harassed repeatedly by a man.

According to the police, the victim was harassed by the accused to have sex with him.

The victim has been identified as Pallavi, a 22-year-old woman who was harassed by a man named Kumaraswamy for the past couple of years.

The family members of the victim have filed a complaint in the police station. Presently, the Doddaballapura Rural Police Station have taken the accused into custody and are investigating the matter.

-Ahna Prakash

Woman, her lover allegedly kill husband

A woman and her lover have been arrested by the police in the murder case of the woman's husband.

The victim, Anjaneya, 35, was murdered six months ago in Nandini Layout police station limits.

His wife had given a statement to the police saying that the man was unwell and had passed away.

However, six months after the incident, the children who had witnessed the murder of their father, reported it to their paternal grandmother.

The children said that their father, who was sleeping after being intoxicated, was choked to death by their mother and a man. After learning about this, the mother of the victim filed a complaint at Nandini Layout Police Station. The accused Anita and her lover Rakesh have been arrested by the police.

-Ahna Prakash

2 women die in hit-and-run

Two women riding in an auto rickshaw died on the spot after a car collided with their auto.

The incident took place in the jurisdiction of K R Puram police station. According to the police, three other people were also hurt in the collision and were taken to the hospital.

The deceased has been identified as Taseena, 24, and her sister Fazila,38.

Following the collision, the car driver fled the scene. The KR Traffic Police are investigating the case.

-Ahna Prakash

Security is under scanner here

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if there are more visitors to Vidhana Soudha. "We are insisting visitors open their baggage for security checks. It is causing some delay and inconvenience to the visitors but we are helpless.

At each of the entrances, three police personnel have been deputed to check the baggage of visitors. We are given only one hand-held metal detector to check the baggage," said a police constable. The scanners were installed in the corridors of the Vidhana Soudha till 2013. Later the Public Works Department constructed four structures at four entrances of Vidhana Soudha to ensure that no small arms were brought inside the Soudha premises by security personnel or politicians. However, the police department took more than a year to shift the scanners to the newly constructed structures, even a year on. That's not all. The police officers and PWD engineers blame each other for the delay in installing air conditioners at these structures. The policemen on duty at the Vidhana Soudha want their higher authorities to take measures for replacing the defunct scanners with new ones to ensure foolproof scanning of visitors' baggage.

They recalled the unfortunate incident of a person attempting suicide in a washroom of Vidhana Soudha in July 2019 which led to the suspension of 10 security personnel for allegedly allowing the visitor without conducting proper checks.

"Many people visit Vidhana Soudha to meet officials and ministers during weekdays. Some of them come from distant places. They bring baggage with them.

It will be easy and foolproof scanning of baggage if the scanners are in working condition. Now, we have been asking the visitors to open the baggage so as to check it manually," said another police constable.

Meanwhile, assistant commissioner of police, Vidhana Soudha, said he was aware of the defunct scanners at four locations around the Soudha. "We sent a proposal to the higher authorities for purchasing eight new scanners — four for Vidhana Soudha and four for Vikasa Soudha — at an estimated cost of Rs 2.5 crore. The new scanners are expected to arrive shortly," the ACP said.

Vidhana Soudha: Who's watching over watchers?

KSISF personnel complain about lack of toilets, basic amenities during their shifts

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The Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) personnel posted to guard Vidhana Soudha have no basic amenities. The canopies provided for them at eight strategic locations on the Vidhana Soudha premises are of no use when it rains heavily.

The KSISF was introduced following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. Their objective is to protect dams and power plants, the High Court, and Vidhana Soudha – places that come under the radar of terrorist organisations. There are more than 54 KSISF personnel, including officers, guarding Vidhana Soudha, and they are provided sophisticated weapons. However, they lack basic amenities like toilets. "We have to jump the barricades to access the toilet block at Vidhana Soudha. Most of the gates, except the one on the northern side, are closed at night," said a constable.

The canopies provided for the KSISF personnel are too narrow, and it is difficult for two KSISF personnel to use them. Two KSISF personnel are posted at each of the strategic locations around Vidhana Soudha. While one constable is on duty, the other is on standby, with both taking turns to keep watch for eight hours. "One of us will relax for one hour while the other one is on duty. The other one has to relax under the canopy, which hardly has space for the KSISF constable on duty," said another constable.

Many such constables expressed displeasure over the apathy of the authorities concerned to provide basic amenities. The KSISF personnel either have to bring drinking water from home or depend on Group D employees or others for the same.

The personnel guard Vidhana Soudha in three shifts. While the first shift begins at 6 am and ends at 2 pm, the second is from 2 pm to 10 pm, and the third, 10 pm to 6 am. "The worst affected are those who are on night shift. 16 KSISF personnel will be on night duty every day," a constable stated. Meanwhile, Venkatesh, in-charge inspector, KSISF Vidhana Soudha Security Division, said that he would inform higher authorities about their plight.

Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) personnel on their shift; The canopies provided for them are too narrow, making it difficult for two security personnel to use them, they complained

Under a dumpyard

Is Vidhana Soudha becoming a destination for dumping all sorts of garbage or waste material? If the presence of a caution board is anything to go by, it seems the authorities are not bothered to keep the area free from waste material. One can see the caution board that reads 'Metro Rail Work Under Progress. Take Proper Diversion'. The caution board on the footpath was found adjacent to the park where former Chief Minister S Nijalingappa's statue is installed. However, Dr BR Ambedkar Metro Station on the purple line of the Namma Metro was inaugurated more than seven years ago (April 30, 2016).

"It is quite amusing to see the caution board dumped here where no metro work is in progress," said S Santhosh, a visitor. PWD engineer (in-charge for maintenance of Vidhana Soudha) assured that he would remove the board.

> **"The worst affected are those who are on the night shift. 16 KSISF personnel will be on night duty every day** – KSISF constable

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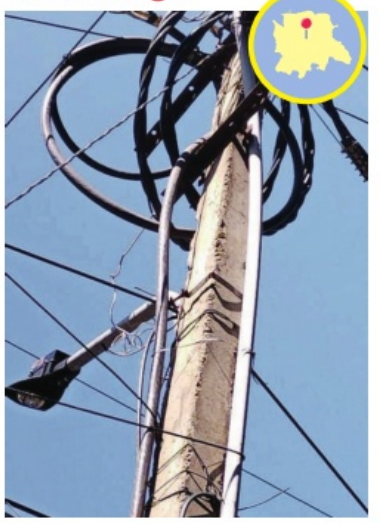
There are cables dangling across 7th Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar Cunningham Road junction.

Encroachment
Rajajinagar

In West of Chord Road, near NPS School, Rajajinagar 5th block, a building has encroached upon the pavement, causing traffic jams.

Polluted lake
KR Puram

The lake behind the government college in KR Puram is highly polluted.

Floating idols of Kudlu Lake

Residents complain of water body full of immersed idols; demand stringent action against those indulging in improper immersion which is affecting water quality

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Citizens staying near Dodda Kudlu Lake say that the water body is full of Ganesh Idols that were immersed there. The floating idols, they say, are spoiling the quality of the water. They want immediate action to be taken by authorities concerned to clear them..

Sanjana G, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror, "The Ganesha idols submerged in the lake are making the water very dirty. The lake is currently in a pitiful condition and there should be immediate action taken to clear the idols without delay. The dirty water can also cause a lot of health issues and spread infections."

Amit Srinivas, another resident, said, "The lake's water is already very dirty, and on top of that, the Ganesha idols are melting and contributing to making it much worse. People are not allowed to immerse the idols in this manner, but this is still being done. Strict action must be taken against everyone who has done the same. It can also affect marine life in the water body."

Some of the residents feel that if the lake had security personnel or guards in place, the incident could easily have been avoided.

Idols of Ganesha immersed in Dodda Kudlu Lake spotted floating on water body's surface

"The idols have not completely immersed in the water, and it will take a long time for them to get dissolved. It is hampering the lake, the fish, and the environment – Prashanth Gowda, resident

One such resident told BM that it is very important to have security or guards that can stop these kinds of incidents from happening. Authorities should station people who can supervise these areas around the clock as a preventive measure, they added.

Prashanth Gowda, also a resident, said, "The idols have not completely immersed in the water, and it will take a long time for them to get dissolved. It is not just hampering the beauty of the lake but also harming the environment, the lake, and the fish inside it."

Locals also pointed out that the lake has a history of sewage entry inside it for quite a long time. Manoj Kumar, one of them, said, "Sewage has been flowing into the water body for a very long time. Because of that, the water quality of the lake has deteriorated a lot. People have even thrown garbage on the lake premises."

They said that along with dumping waste, burning garbage in the area was not an uncommon sight.

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said that they would send an official to look into the issue and take steps accordingly.

Bomb scare in school: 'Just for fun'

Karnataka Police cracked the case regarding a hoax bomb threat to the reputed National Academy for Learning (NAFL) School in Bengaluru on Saturday.

They picked up a minor boy from the school in connection and handed him over to custody of the State Juvenile Justice Board.

According to police, they detected the boy through an IP address, and when questioned, the boy maintained that he did it to have some fun. He told police that he got the official email ID of the school from a Google search.

Tension prevailed in the premises of the NAFL School run by the National Public School (NPS) group following the bomb threat in the Basaveshwara Nagar locality of Bengaluru on Friday.

The bomb threat was given through the official email ID of the school. The email claimed that four gelatin sticks have been kept in the premises, which are going to explode at the time of lunch.

The school staff had immediately informed the jurisdictional police. About 1,000 school children were sent out of the classrooms and taken to safe places. The development had also triggered panic among parents and local residents. Hundreds of parents rushed to the school and expressed their concern over the development. **–IANS**

Misconduct on AI flight: Accused nabbed in B'luru

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A man evading police for days after urinating on an airline passenger was nabbed in Bengaluru on Saturday.

A team of four police officers from Delhi landed in Bengaluru early on Thursday and started an operation to find the man who urinated on a 70-year-old woman in the business class of an Air India flight while being intoxicated.

The man has been identified as Shankar Mishra, an ex-employee US-based financial services company Wells Fargo. On Friday, Wells Fargo terminated Mishra.

"Wells Fargo holds employees to the highest standards of professional and personal behaviour and we find these allegations deeply disturbing. This individual has been terminated from Wells Fargo," the company said in a statement.

A Delhi police team, with the help of the city police, visited Mishra's office and house at Marathahalli in Whitefield division on Friday, but he was

nowhere to be found. When the police visited his house, his sister and parents were there, but did not know of his whereabouts.

Later, based on his last mobile location, police traced him from a guest house in Sanjay Nagar where he was staying alone.

The accused has been taken back to Delhi and the Delhi High Court has sent him for 14-day judicial custody. The accused has also moved a bail plea in the high court, which is scheduled for hearing on January 11.

According to Delhi Police sources, they issued an airport alert, tried to trace his phone, and monitored bank transactions.

"He switched off his phone on January 3. That was his last location," the sources said.

The accused was using auto rickshaws for travelling.

"His travel history was tracked, including where he used to go after the office in Bengaluru. Police followed the route he used to go to his office," he further said.

Police obtained some leads from the taxi driver who left Mishra at the location.

Sources said that he had stayed many times before at the place where he was arrested.

Further investigation into the case is in progress.

Advocate Manu Sharma, appearing for Mishra, submitted that in the FIR only one non-bailable offence is mentioned while others are bailable offences.

Metropolitan Magistrate Anamika recorded the submission made by Police that Mishra has been non-cooperative.

"Mishra's mobile phone was traced and he was located in Bengaluru. He could not even be traced at his workplace. The entire material points out that he was deliberately not joining the probe," noted the Delhi Court.

(With agency inputs)

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THE SUNDAY READ

No means NO

BM takes a look at the idea of consent and lack of understanding of this important concept that has put lives of many at risk

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It's not just been a week since a 19-year-old girl was stabbed to death at Presidency College by a boy allegedly after she rejected his proposal, and on Saturday, a woman committed suicide, after being harassed by a young man in Bengaluru Rural district. According to the police, the man was forcing the woman to get physically intimate with him.

According to the data by the Bengaluru Police Department, there has been a 30% increase in crime against women in 2022. The city recorded 153 cases of rape out of which 149 rape cases were committed by people the victim already knew.

The rising cases of violence against women that include sexual assault, rape and murder after rejection of a proposal of 'love' brings to the fore the question of consent in day-to-day life and relationships.

The word consent simply means, giving permission to do something. But experts say that the meaning of the word should not be restricted to that.

Gender researcher Paati, says that consent is also the right to say 'no' at any given point of time whenever you feel like it. Consent should be given freely without being intimidated emotionally or physically. The idea is that if someone says yes after being manipulated, it doesn't count as giving approval.

"More than a concept or a phenomenon, I think consent is like a human right. It is something which has a lot of layers. It is silenced because as a society we don't seem to acknowledge the idea of consent as many believe that it is not required. So, when consent comes into the picture, we tend to take it as a casual thing. People have never kept it on a pedestal and never treated it as an important subject matter which should be discussed openly," said Paati.

She adds that consent is not gendered and it should be practised by everyone irrespective of their gender or sexuality.

"It is important to first start the conversation about gender and sexuality and then take it beyond that. Also, the idea of consent should not be restricted to a particular gender, rather everyone on the gender spectrum should be included in the conversation," she added.

When BM spoke to several college students in the city regarding their idea of consent and if they are taught about that in school, most of them said that their educational institute has no specific framework to educate them about consent.

"There is a lot of information about consent on social media but very few people engage with it. They might know the general definition of the word but when it comes to practising it in real life, it's not the same. There are instances where people in the friend group would mock someone when they try to question certain behaviours like inappropriate touching," says Niharika, an undergrad psychology student.

Niharika also says that consent should not be restricted to only romantic or sexual relationships, but it should also be practiced in other interpersonal relations like friendship.

"In close circles, sometimes the idea of consent is taken for granted. If you try to question certain behaviours, people might call you names or just say that you are overreacting. Young people should be taught about respecting other people's boundaries," she added.

Students say there is no education about concept of consent in educational institutions, and most do not take interest and try to figure out more about it

With the increase in cases of 'jilted lovers' killing someone after being rejected or acid attacks by former partners, there seems to be an urgent need to start teaching young minds about consent.

Sheetal Lakhani, a clinical psychologist, says that we can start teaching about consent at any age but the method of doing it will differ based on the individual's age and comprehension ability.

"Consent is not just about preventing them from wrongdoings. If you look at it from the psychological perspective, consent is learning the fact that the individual has autonomy. I think autonomy is a valuable lesson for any individual. For instance, autonomy means the individual knows that they can say no to anything that is uncomfortable or harmful. If you ask me, this is one of the most important life skills. That's how it helps to teach students about it at any age," she said.

"The social-emotional learning frameworks that are now widely being used in schools include lessons on aspects such as body awareness- simple learnings like "this is my body" and "I love my body". I think this is a good example of a starting point for children to understand their own body and their own autonomy, and in fact- to be self-aware," she added.

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Talking point: Bike ban on B'luru-Mysuru expressway

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It's official: No bikes will be allowed on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway as Mysuru MP Pratap Simha has officially announced a ban on bikes and autos. The proposed ban, which will come to effect when the entire expressway is thrown open to the public, has become a political debate with the opposition Congress saying that the expressway should be kept open for all vehicles.

However, road experts say that the bikes should not be allowed on expressways as it can lead to accidents.

On Saturday, Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh criticised the bike ban on the expressway.

"The expressway has been constructed to help all types of vehicles. I don't find any logic in banning bikes or autos from the expressway. Instead of a blanket ban, the authorities should fix a speed limit for slow moving vehicles on the expressway," said Suresh.

BJP is interested only in those who use cars or other heavy vehicles while neglecting the interests of bikes or autos, he added.

The ban will come into effect when entire expressway is thrown open

"This will be an access controlled highway and we won't permit two-wheelers or autos and this will be the first highway in Karnataka to ban bikes. As this is a six-lane highway with two-lane service roads on either side, the bikes or autos can use toll-free service roads instead of the main carriageway," said Simha, on Friday.

Interestingly, there was a debate whether to allow speed bikes on the expressway as there are a number of passionate bikers in the city who use heavy bikes to travel long distances, especially on weekends.

Reacting to this, Simha said, "Earlier, we had a plan to ban bikes which were below 500 cc. However, we decided not to allow any bikes. The expressway is built to help the improvement of tourists as well as businesses. Though I am not against bikers, many don't follow the lane system properly."

Earlier, a service road was not constructed in Maddur near Shimsha river. So, now, the government is constructing a new bridge. Hence, the service road will be uninterrupted between the two cities, he added.

"We will allow bikes and three-wheelers till the entire stretch of service road is thrown open to the public. However, I want to clarify that there should be no misunderstanding that this expressway is only for rich people," he explained.

Defending the ban, a NHAI official said, "Many videos of bikers playing tricks have gone viral. We want to follow the Hyderabad model here."

Mysuru roads: A series of misadventures

Road accidents continue to rise in Mysuru, authorities blame negligent driving and speeding

Compared to Bengaluru, Mysuru is considered a safer city to drive due to lesser traffic. However, the shocking trend is that the accidents are increasing in Mysuru as well. Compared to the last two years, accidents and deaths have increased in the royal city. According to police data, 169 people have lost their lives due to accidents, while 121 had died in 2021 and 122 in 2020.

Analysing the trend, experts said, "The Mysuru's vehicular population is increasing though the road width remains the same. The city roads are getting worn out and many roads are in a bad shape. Like Bengaluru, Mysuru roads are filled with potholes and lack of streetlights, unscientific speed breakers and lack of proper traffic management is leading to an increase in road accidents."

DCP (crime and traffic) M.S Geetha Prasanna, said, "The two major reasons for road accidents are negligent driving and over speeding. If an individual is not driving properly, then one can expect accidents even in well managed roads due to negligent driving."

The accidents can be avoided if vehicle users stick to traffic rules. Police department is continuously working on creating awareness among the public to follow traffic rules, she added.

The road accidents have also increased. There were 630 accidents reported in Mysuru in 2022 as against 651 in 2021 and 766 in 2020.

According to Shiva Prakash, a resident of Mysuru, it is sad to note that many Mysuru roads are full of potholes.

Experts say that city roads are getting worn out and many roads are filled with potholes in Mysuru

> **Negligent driving does lead to accidents but the authorities must ensure that the roads are in a good condition and the police should work with MCC**
>
> –Shiva Prakash, a resident

"For example, the KSRTC bus stand in Mysuru which is the gateway to the city and is used by thousands of people, is literally in a bad shape. The unscientific speed breakers can literally break the back," he said.

"It is true that negligent driving leads to accidents but the authorities must ensure that the roads are in a good condition and the police should work with Mysore City Corporation (MCC) to remove the unscientific road humps," he added.

Shop rents to be hiked

The MCC is planning to revise the rent of shops in commercial complexes and other places. Officials claimed that the rent has not been revised for the last 18 years.

"MCC built shops and commercial complexes in vacant places to generate revenue. Today, the situation is such that the shops are profitable only for the shopkeepers and not for MCC. The rents were fixed 18 years ago and there is resistance to increase the rent," said a MCC official.

"There are 1,941 commercial shops rented out at 15 different locations in the city. MCC is collecting Rs.1.6 crore in revenues. Surprisingly, the money collected as rent is not enough even to spend on maintenance," he added.

MCC has rented out shops at Devaraja Market, Visvesvaraya Bhavan, Kalidasa Road Complex, Old Bus Stand complexes, Jayalakshmipuram shops, Metagalli, B Krishnappa building, Kumbara Koppalu complex, Mandi market, Vani Vilas market, Gujari shops.

–Prakash VL

Bee attack kills two race horses in Tumakuru

Two popular breed racehorses were killed after honey bees attacked them in Kunigal town of Tumakuru district in Karnataka.

One of the race horses was 10- year-old while another was 15-year-old. They were imported from Ireland and America, and they had won many titles.

The incident took place on Thursday when the horses were left to graze in the premises of the farm.

The horses could not take shelter when the honeybees started attacking suddenly. They collapsed on the ground and started wailing. Immediately, a team of expert veterinary doctors arrived at the farm and administered treatment.

One of the horses died on Thursday night and another on Friday morning. The horses were presently used for breeding. The United Racing and Bloodstock Breeders (URBB), a subsidiary of UB group, housed in the Kunigal Stud Farm, had bought the horses six years ago by paying Rs 1 crore each, according to sources.

Sources added that it is the first incident since the establishment of the Stud Farm. The farm was established by Tipu Sultan 260 years ago. The management of the farm maintained that the tragic death of two breeding horses has caused heavy losses for the URBB.

The American race horse had participated in the Virginia Derby and many other international events while the horse from Ireland won three times in Five Star Derby. -IANS

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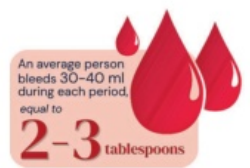
1 My erection stays only for a minute-during sex with my partner. Am stressed out. Please advise...
Not being able to achieve or sustain an erection firm/hard enough for sexual activity is a common symptom of erectile dysfunction (ED). Increased stress or other psychological concerns are a cause of ED. Pleasure during sex is possible for folks with/being treated for ED. It is a good idea to communicate honestly with your partner & experiment with different acts of sex (other than just penetration). ED is treatable but identifying the cause with the help of a trained doctor or therapist will help you decide the best course of action.

2 Had unprotected sex with a girl. During sex, a white fluid came from her vagina. I didn't ejaculate inside her. Can it cause infection?
If the man ejaculates inside the vagina, most of the semen will leave the vagina as a 'white fluid' unless he uses a condom. So, this is normal. But, in some cases, white discharge after intercourse may be a sign of infection. Causes of infections include bacterial vaginosis, yeast infections, and STIs. If you notice an odour to your discharge or unusual colour, or if you have pain, please visit a doctor.



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A turkey walking on green grass

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Bommasandra: Smooth commute still a dream

Due to potholes on this stretch autos and cabs dismiss ride requests, residents struggle to commute on daily basis

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The road in front of Upkar Meadows, a residential complex in Bommasandra is filled with potholes, which makes commuting extremely difficult for the residents.

According to the nearby residents, they have to face a lot of difficulties while traveling on the road.

"There is no proper road that we can use to commute through this area. The entire stretch of road is filled with potholes and driving a bike or car through this road is very dangerous. People are now forced to take other routes which increases our travel time," said Suresh Kumar, a resident of the area.

Other residents added that even the cabs and autos refuse to come to the location because of the poor condition of the road.

"No cabs or autos are ready to come to this area because of this condition. Every time I book an auto or a cab, after knowing the location, they cancel. It has happened to me so many times," said Hrithik Unnikrishnan, another resident.

"The road has been like this for a very long time. Despite all the problems that people are facing, no action has been taken by the authorities," he added.

Residents are forced to take other routes as the road is filled with potholes. This increases their travel time

Vishal Vaid, another resident, told Bangalore Mirror that during medical emergencies, it takes a long time to finally reach the destination. "Just few days ago one of my neighbours was having a medical emergency and his mother needed to go to the hospital. Even after booking so many cabs, each of them cancelled and he had to take his own vehicle and go, which took him a very long time," he said.

"The only solution now is to fix the road so that we can commute in a smooth manner," he added.

According to Sharanu S, another resident, when it rains, the condition of the road becomes even worse.

"It gets filled with mud and becomes very slippery. If someone is commuting by bike, there is a good chance that their bike can skid and fall, and they can injure themselves severely," he said.

Meanwhile, a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official told BM that they will take necessary steps and come up with a solution.

DID YOU KNOW?

MS Ramaiah was one of the most renowned philanthropists and educationists in Bengaluru. His contribution to the city is immense. He built colleges, hospitals, schools, teaching hospitals and more. He is considered to be an infrastructure visionary who also founded popular colleges like Ramaiah Institute of Engineering and Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce in Bengaluru. He is also known to have started Gokula, a Kannada weekly. He acquired Thainadu, a daily in 1956. During World War II, he had taken the job as a contractor and had supplied bricks to military camps. He is known to have taken up several major projects in Karnataka like Talakalale Dam and Dharma Project. In 2022, India Post released a corporate stamp of his. He also founded Gokula Education Foundation in 1980. Currently, his son MR Seetharam is vice-chairman of the foundation.

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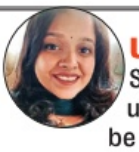
Give suggestions to make campuses safer

Sudhakar Kumar, BM Reader
We need to be more careful, conscious and secure about our well beings on campus. Safety is in our hands.

Shalini Kapat, BM Reader
College campuses should be using more metal detectors at the entry and exit points, monitoring guests who visit on a daily basis. The monitoring of fresh food made on campus should also be added to incorporate hygiene and cleanliness.

Santosh Bogadi, BM Reader
A student task force should be established to ensure patrolling on the campus, trained to intervene, protect students and escalate matters to the authorities. Setting a police station on campus or having police force inside would give rise to fear amongst students to not do any form of indiscipline.

Noel John, BM Reader
Proper awareness must be provided timely to students so that they can maintain some form of decorum in the classrooms, corridors and foyers.



Udita Singhal, BM Reader
Safety cell in college should be set up so that conversations would be anonymous and safe for all the genders.

Ninan TK , BM Reader
Dedicated cell on campus with volunteers around the clock for all matters such as bullying, grievance, counselling, etc would be a great start. It will help in keeping a check on the safety and security of students.

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GM mustard appraisal: 'No regulations were violated'

Product conditionally cleared after talks with stakeholders: Environment Ministry

The Union Environment Ministry on Saturday rebutted the claims made by activists that statutory regulations were violated during the appraisal and approval of GM mustard in India, saying the product was conditionally cleared only after stakeholder consultation.

The Coalition of GM-free India, a group of NGOs opposing genetically modified crops, had on Friday released a report alleging that no (independent) health expert ever participated in GM mustard appraisal.

In a response issued on Saturday, the ministry said: "The Assessment of Food and Environmental Safety (AFES) report prepared by the subcommittee in 2016 with regard to the biosafety dossier of GM mustard was uploaded on the ministry's website for inviting comments by the public for a period of 30 days (from September 5 to October 5, 2016).

"Further, the entire dossier was also made available for review by the public in the ministry's office for the same duration," it said. "The conditional environmental release of GM mustard has been granted after stakeholder consultations as prescribed in the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) guidance documents (Guidelines for the ERA of Genetically Engineered Plants, Risk Analysis Framework, Stakeholder's guide) of 2016. The conditional approval for environmental release is subject to the clearance from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India," it said.

Responding to the coalition's allegation that the Directorate of Rapeseed Mustard Research had received the seeds on October 22 last year before the formal approval was given on October 25, the ministry said the environmental release of GM mustard was recommended in the 147th meeting of the GEAC held on October 18 last year.

A farmer sprays pesticide in a mustard field, in Morigaon district (file photo)

"The letter of approval for environmental release of GM mustard was issued on October 25 after the approval was granted by the central government and the seeds were sent to the ICAR-Directorate of Rapeseed Mustard Research (DRMR) on October 29," it said. The coalition had also claimed GM mustard did not get tested as a herbicide-tolerant (HT) crop as there are no regulatory guidelines and protocols for HT crops.

The ministry said the use of the terminology 'herbicide tolerant' for GM mustard that has been granted environmental release is "not appropriate." "The herbicide tolerant (HT) trait present in GM mustard is a selection marker for experimental use during the development phase followed by use during the production of mustard hybrid seed for the purpose of identifying genetically modified (GM) plants," it said.

Countering the claim that the GM mustard approval ignored the fact that agriculture is a state subject, the ministry said Biosafety Research Level-I and Biosafety Research Level-II trials of GM mustard were conducted after obtaining the no-objection certificates from state governments. Responding to the coalition's claim that the GEAC "kept agreeing" to the requests of "the applicant" for an exemption from tests, the ministry said the applicant was advised to undertake field demonstration studies of GM mustard in 2018 with a view to generate additional data on honey bees and other pollinators.

It said a letter was received from Prof Deepak Pental, the man behind GM mustard, in May 2022, indicating that GM technology deployed for the development of mustard has been well tested and used for more than 20 years in Canada, the US, and Australia. "Comments were sought from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Department of Agriculture Research & Education (DARE) on the letter received from Prof Pental. Both opined that GEAC recommendation regarding the environmental release of GM mustard may be reconsidered," the ministry said. – PTI

> **"References indicated no untoward effect of the technology has been reported with respect to honey bees**
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> – Environment Ministry statement

Ex-bureaucrats demand action on alleged hate speech

A group of former bureaucrats has demanded action on alleged hate speech by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Pragya Singh Thakur. "We, in the Constitutional Conduct Group, also strongly believe that stern action should be taken against her as per the rules of the Lok Sabha. By her incendiary hate speech and her repeated acts of propagating hate, she has forfeited the ethical right to be a Member of Parliament," noted the open letter written by 103 former bureaucrats.

"As a society, we seem to have become inured to hate speech against minorities. A daily dose of venom is spewed, in the print, visual and social media against different non-Hindu communities, primarily against Muslims, and more lately against Christians as well. Often, these verbal attacks are accompanied by physical violence, assaults on their places of worship, anti-conversion legislation, hurdles placed in the way of inter-faith marriages, denial of livelihoods and a myriad other actions to lower their status in society," they said in the open letter.

The letter referred to media reports that, on December 25, 2022, while addressing a gathering of the Hindu Jagarana Vedike's South Region annual convention in Shivamogga, Karnataka, Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Pragya Thakur, also known as Sadhvi Pragya, exhorted the crowd to guard their women against men of other communities.

"She urged them to keep their vegetable knives sharp so these could be used as weapons against those who allegedly kill Hindus; Such action would be construed to be in self-defence, she said, a right which every individual has," said the letter.

Though Sadhvi Pragya Thakur appears to have cleverly chosen her words to avoid criminal charges being made against her, the disguise is only a thin one. She is obviously fomenting hate against non-Hindu communities, and advocating violence against them, said the letter. By her incendiary words, Pragya Thakur has not only committed several offences under the Indian Penal Code, she has also violated the oath taken by her as Member of Parliament to uphold the Constitution of India, which is premised upon the rights to life and liberty, secularism, equality and fraternity, they said.

Signatories in the open letter include Anita Agnihotri, former secretary in the central government's department of social justice; Salahuddin Ahmad, a former chief secretary, Rajasthan; and S.P. Ambrose, who served as additional secretary in the union ministry of transport and many other former bureaucrats. – IANS

IVF, Decoded

1 We have been married for the last four years. We want to start a family, but without any luck as my wife has not been able to conceive. My wife is a 22-year-old and is suffering from PCOS.
Women suffering from polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) have hormonal imbalance and suffer from irregular menstrual cycles. However, there is a hope for such women as they can conceive with medication and hormonal injection at times. It is better to consult a specialist for timely treatment.

2 I have been married for the last 12 years but I do not have any children and I am suffering from irregular menstrual cycles. What should I do?
Women with irregular and no menstrual cycle need to be evaluated for hormonal imbalance. Such women need to check for antral follicle count (to evaluate a woman's ovarian reserve) and may go for ovulation induction, IUI (Intrauterine insemination (IUI), In vitro fertilization (IVF) or Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) depending on various parameters.

3 I have been married for two years. I have undergone a surgery for cyst removal, but I haven't able to conceive. Please advise.
We need to check your husband's semen analysis and plan ovulation induction for egg development and try naturally or IVF.

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HEALTH TIP: Research indicates that diets rich in plant-based ingredients are better for the environment and can improve health outcomes, too

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I split with my husband a few months ago. It was his decision - he said he wasn't happy any more. It came out of nowhere really. Our 12-year-old daughter now spends most weekends with him and I feel very lonely. All my friends are in couples and I feel like a spare part. To complicate things, I saw my ex over Christmas and one night when our daughter was in bed, we had a couple of drinks and he started saying all this stuff about being worried he'd been too hasty in leaving the marriage. I'm confused and don't know how to move on. I basically don't know whether I'm coming or going right now. I have no idea if he was serious or if it was just the drink talking, but I don't want to be messed around. Please advise.

COLEEN SAYS

OK, so far this has all been about him and what he wants, but what do you want? I think it's important for you to think about how you see your future or it is going to be hard to move on. You need to give yourself the space to do that, which means not putting yourself in situations with him where he can play with your mind and emotions. It feels to me that he has the power here. He's left you and now he's dangling a carrot. Who knows why he's doing this - ego, trying to have the best of both worlds or maybe he's realised the grass isn't greener.

Don't be at his mercy. Figure out what you want and start taking your power back by keeping contact with him to organise arrangements for your daughter. If that means asking your mum or a friend to drop off and collect your daughter for a while, then do that. As far as friends go, I'm sure they'd feel terrible if they knew you felt like a spare part, so tell them how you feel. You don't have to third wheel it with couples - you can see your girlfriends on their own.

—Coleen Nolan,
Daily Mirror

East meets west

It's good to experiment every now and then and these slightly unusual recipes might perk up a jaded palate

KADAI PANEER ENCHILADAS WITH COCONUT EMULSION

Classic Kadai paneer served in a Mexican way. Served with coconut emulsion

INGREDIENTS

- Paneer – 200 gm
- Kadai spices – 1 tsp
- Wheat tortilla sheets – 2 (6 inch)
- Onion – 1
- Tomato – 1
- 3 type chopped bell peppers – 2 tbsp
- Coriander powder - 1 pinch
- Cumin powder – 1 pinch
- Refined oil – 35 ml
- Ginger garlic paste – 7 gm
- Mozzarella cheese – 30 gm
- Cheddar cheese - 30 gm
- Cilantro chopped – 1 tsp
- Jalapeno slice – for garnish
- Salt to taste

METHOD

- Heat the refined oil in a pan over medium heat. Add chopped onion and sauté till golden brown, now add ginger garlic paste and chopped tomato and sauté for a minute. Put some water and mix it well. Add this stage put all the dry spices and bell pepper again cook for a minute. After that add chopped paneer and mix it well and cook another 3 – 4 minutes. Now heat the pan and roast tortilla sheets both side and filled with cooked paneer mixture and fresh cilantro chopped and roll it. And this stage place this filled tortilla sheets in a backing tray and put some enchiladas sauce and cheese on top and bake some 5 – 6 minutes. Now enchilada is ready. Garnish with coconut emulsion, slice of jalapeno and micro greens. Serve your enchiladas immediately.

Prep Time: 10-15 mins
Cooking Time: 10-15
Serves 2

GONGURA MUTTON TACOS

Pearl millet tortilla with braised mutton cooked with gongura pickle

INGREDIENTS

- Mutton leg boneless – 200 gm
- Gongura pickle - 50 gm
- Pearl millet tortilla – 1 big
- Onion – 1
- Tomato – 1
- Coriander powder - 1 pinch
- Cumin powder – 1 pinch
- Garam masala powder – 1 pinch
- Refined oil – 60 ml
- Ginger garlic paste – 10 gm
- Salt to taste

METHOD

- Heat the refined oil in a pan over medium heat. Add chopped onion and sauté till golden brown now add small size mutton leg boneless and this stage put all the dry spices powder and ginger garlic paste. Put some water and mix it well. Now cover the pan with the lid and cook at least 15 minutes, after that add chopped tomato and gongura pickle mix it well and cook another 15 minutes. Garnish with pico de gallo (a Mexican salsa, can be bought) and some micro-greens. Serve your tacos immediately.

Prep Time: 10-15 mins
Cooking Time: 30-35
Serves 2

CHICKEN CHETTINAD QUESADILLA

Marinated chicken with Chettinad spices cooked on slow, and stuffed in a Malabar parotta.

INGREDIENTS

- Chicken leg boneless – 200 gm
- Chettinad spices – 1 tsp
- Malabar parotta – 2 (7 inch)
- Onion – 1
- Tomato – 1
- Coriander powder - 1 pinch
- Refined oil – 60 ml
- Tamarind water – 1 and ½ tbsp
- Ginger garlic paste – 10 gm
- Processed cheese – 90 gm
- Curry leaves – 1 stick
- Salt to taste

METHOD

- Heat the refined oil in a pan over medium heat. Add chopped onion, curry leaves and sauté till golden brown now add small size chicken leg boneless and this stage put all the dry spices powder and ginger garlic paste. Put some water and mix it well. Now cover the pan with the lid and cook at least 10 minutes, after that add chopped tomato and mix it well and cook another 10 minutes. Now heat the pan and roast malabar parotta both sides and spread some cheese and filled with cooked chicken and cook again until golden brown. Now, quesadilla is ready. Serve with guacamole, sour cream and some micro greens. Serve your quesadilla immediately.

By chef Ashik, The Woodpegger Retro Bar & Kitchen

RESPONSE CONNECT INITIATIVE

Middle **Ritesh Goyal,** Left **Ravi Agarwal** and Right **Pradeep Khadria**

Local to global

Here's how these visionaries from humble background built an exceptional educational institution

The strength of Global Institute of Business Studies (GIBS) lies in the struggles of three brothers who since their early years learnt to pick themselves up against the hardest of the burdens as they faced life's realities.

While Ritesh Goyal, the eldest brother had to find his way to deal with financial hurdles to fund his education and learn English fluency, Pradeep, the youngest of the three brothers had to navigate his way towards success amidst his disability due to polio. Ravi had to hammer away to fund his brother's educational aspirations. Ritesh Goyal who is seen among the big names in Bengaluru as an educationist today was once a youngster who struggled to complete his higher education. In fact his struggle has not only had a great role to play in the making of this revolutionary B school but also has been an inspiration that many aspiring educationists look up to.

SMALL TOWN, BIG DREAMS

Born in the year 1985 and brought up in Nohar, a small town in Rajasthan, Ritesh comes from a humble background. His father who knew the importance of education gave utmost importance towards educating his kids despite having a tough job of catering to his five member family. In addition to financial struggle was the need to stand strong against the societal distrust towards the capabilities of the three brothers who were labeled as "Three Idiots". Notwithstanding the stigmatic societal perception, Ritesh believed labels are for products not humans, carried on with his struggle towards success.

The struggle of the brothers took a worse turn at the time when he went to pursue higher education. His family came together to fund his education and give a push for his aspirations. While his father borrowed money to fund his fees, his brother went all the way to Manali to work hard for 15 to 16 hours a day only to earn enough to fund his pocket money. However Ritesh joined a renowned institute in New Delhi to pursue his higher education.

For Ritesh learning to speak English at that point in his life felt overwhelming. It had been a walk to remember from days when people thought that English is prerequisite for success. "Success is a universal language understood by all who works hard and dreams big. There were lots of ups and down in my journey from Hindi medium school to IIM which still feels like a dream. During graduation when I couldn't clear couple of paper as English seemed like a foreign language to me", said Ritesh.

"However, I promised my brother that I would never fail again. I made a decision to work hard and make it big. In 2005, I went to meet my youngest brother Pradeep who was in Kota preparing for IIT. Despite having polio, he was the most courageous and he was an inspiration to me as well. Ravi was my role model" recollects Ritesh as he explained the toughest times of his life.

Finding inspiration in his brothers, Ritesh determined to conquer every challenge in his way and not only he learnt to speak English fluently but also later became a multilingual motivational speaker. He later moved to Bengaluru where he started his career with a salary of 9,500 a month which turned out to become a beginning to the journey towards building a multi crore institutions and companies.

Joined by his brother Ravi, Ritesh with an intention to transform the lives of aspiring youngsters , The trio started Pathfinder which they quickly scaled up with a unique business model to become a 125 employee company and went on to start a revolutionary B-School.

START OF A NEW STRUGGLE

Challenges awaited the brothers who were determined towards setting up a first of its kind B school. Having lived with challenges since their early ages, the brothers set up Global Institute of Business Studies (GIBS) near Anekal. Yet again the brothers put their soul in making up for their noble endeavor, the success of which was seen when GIBS got its own campus.

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Pandemic was a nightmare for innumerable leaders. The case of GIBS's founders wasn't any different. Talking of the down turns during the pandemic, Ritesh said "While capital is the fuel for any institution, there was a danger of it shutting down without fuel during the pandemic. We spent sleepless nights but not for a second did we loose any hope. The company is growing bigger and the team size will soon increase to 200 members. "We believe in 'finding' more than 'funding'. Instead of hiding our weaknesses, we overcome them by accepting them. For us, the definition of RoI is Return of Intentions. I have plans of visiting over 90 B-schools in the next five years and by 2025, we are going to build a new campus that will soon become GIBS International University" said Ritesh while also expressing a dream of releasing an autobiography that talks of the struggle behind building GIBS.

TOP VENTURES

- Goyal Educational Trust, Bangalore
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Global Institute of Business Studies (GIBS) leads the chart among India's most reputed educational institutions with its PGDM & BBA courses. GIBS has built its reputation with three main pillars - refined quality of learning, moral keep up and intellectual support. With the very intention behind the institution being to help aspiring Indians to propel towards the sky, GIBS is renowned to produce India's highly talented workforce that are hired by a host of top corporates right at the campus.

In addition to building a highly reputed B School, Ritesh has carved a niche with his multi-faceted talent as a motivational speaker, business coach, and author. In his capacity Ritesh has delivered 500+ speeches for corporate employees, leaders, students, and entrepreneurs. He is also a part of the Leadership and GMP programme at IIM Bangalore. Ritesh along with a team of entrepreneurs regularly organizes Business Mastery Programs (BMP) which has enabled thousands of students and start-ups transform and find successes.

AWARDS

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I, Bharathamma w/o Byrappa T.G R/a #156, 7th cross, 4th main chandana layout, Srigandadakaval, Sunkada katte, Bangalore-91 declare that Bharathamma And Bharathamma Byrappa one & the same person i.e. myself. Henceforth, changed my Name as Bharathamma Byrappa vide affidavit 07.01.2023 before Notary Devaraja E. Bengaluru.

I, SYED ABUHATHAB SAHER, R/a,Near Bhajan Gudi,Nakkundipete, Ward No.29,Chintamani, Chikkaballapur Dist- 563125. I, have changed my name to SYED ABUHATAB SAHER , Vide affidavit dated 02/01/2023, Sworn before Notary : S.R. Paramashivaiah, Bangalore

I, Annamma Yasudasan W/o Yesudas aged about 47 years and resident of #550, Vinayaka Nagar, A S Palya, Vimanapura Post B'luru-560017 have changed my name to Annamma Yesudas vide affidavit dtd:06/01/2023 sworn before notary Uday Kumar K, B'luru

I Manya Nanjegowda Nagesha S/o Nanje Gowda R/o #335, Ashraya Badavane, Bharath - nagar 2nd Stage Kodugehalli Viswaneedam B'luru have changed my name to Nagesha Mallanayakanahalli Nanjegowda for all purposes

I, Nasir Khan R/O No 731 1st Flr 6th main HBR Layout Blore 43 in my some document my Father name wrongly mentioned as Ameer Khan but my Father's correct and actual name is Ameer Jan for all purposes.

I, Sarojini Munirajulu residing at No.59,10th Main, 7th cross, Nandanam Colony , Horamavu Road, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to Sarojini Perumal vide affidavit dated 7.1.2023 sworn before notary B Seshagiri Bangalore

I, SOPHAA MARY, W/o ROBERT KENNEDY RAVINDER, R/o No.25/114, Major Sandeep Road, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name to SOPHIA MARY for all purposes.

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I Sonam Anand Tapas W/o Nikhil Arvind Gavraskar, R/o D-604, Alpine Eco, Doddanekundi, Bengaluru-560037 have changed my name to Sonam Tapas

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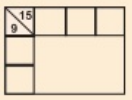
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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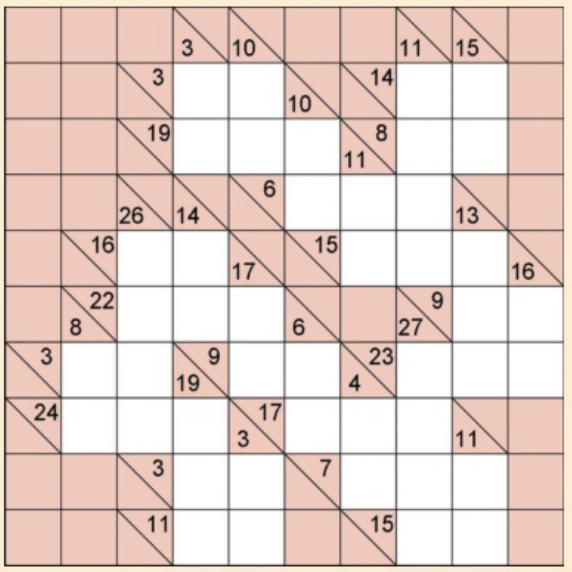

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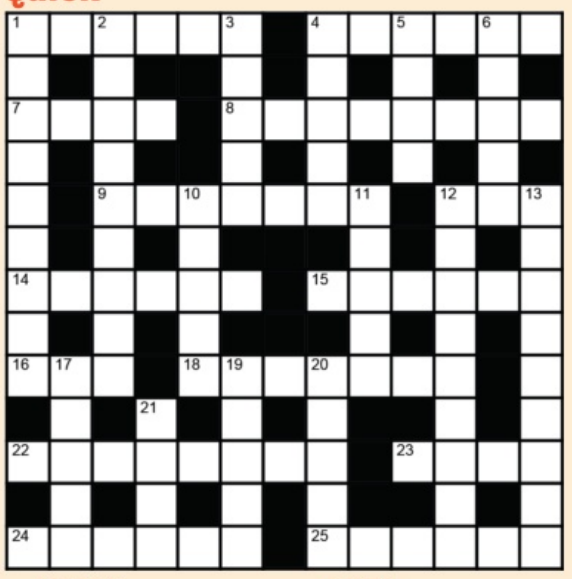


ACROSS

1 A liquid fuel (6)
4 Inflict retribution (6)
7 Frozen treats (4)
8 Stinging arachnid (8)
9 Market near Brigade Road (7)
12 Greek vowel (3)
14 Large snake (6)
15 Forge (6)
16 Green prefix? (3)
18 N African republic (7)
22 Financially comfortable? (4-2-2)
23 Samoan Port (4)
24 Wooded area (6)
25 Places where sporting actions take place (6)

DOWN

1 Consistent truth or guideline (9)
2 XXII (6-3)
3 A cotton thread (5)
4 Ancient marketplace (5)
5 Catch sight of (4)
6 Filling between tiles (5)
10 Leg up (5)
11 Deadens (5)
12 Caught, bagged or ensnared (9)
13 India's first satellite (9)
17 Belief system (5)
19 WWII German Submarine (1-4)
20 Images or icons (5)
21 Floating ice (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS U

UMN PZBBZT VNB BYZ KARRW AG EMNT KAZVZQ PZVWNQZ A'X GMB YNGCTU ZGMNCY BM ZWB QAL. – UMCA PZTTW

Linemaro

I plan on bugging you every single day for the foreseeable future

Mindchow

Think before you speak
Read before you think

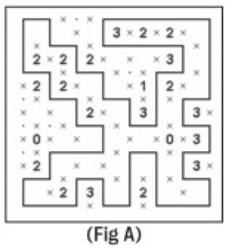
Joke of the day

I married my wife for her looks, but not the ones she's been giving me lately

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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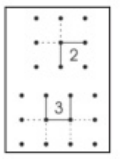
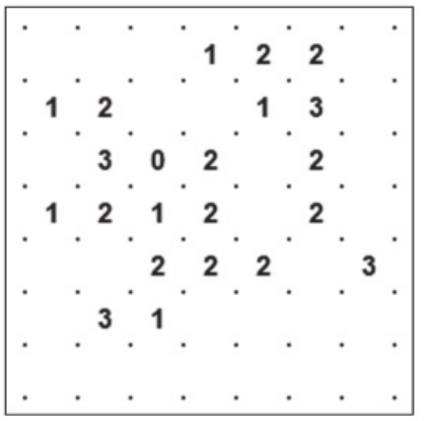


(Fig B) Not Allowed

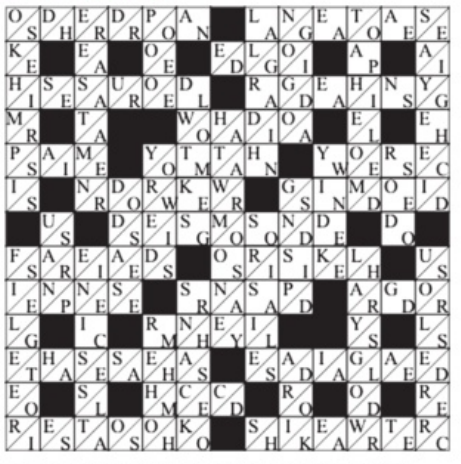
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				Y

ACROSS

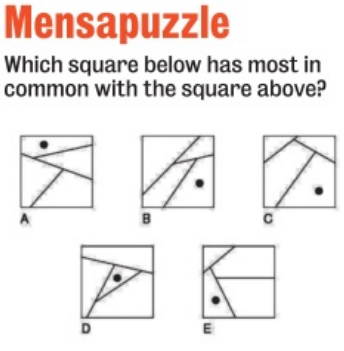
1 Z is an; 6 No ade;
7 Rim me; 8 Bream;
9 Id Say

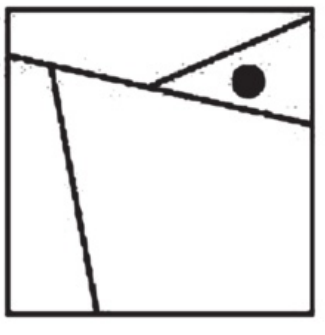
DOWN

1 Admen; 2 Amain;
3 Biz mo; 4 Aside;
5 Yes RR

Mensapuzzle

Which square below has most in common with the square above?





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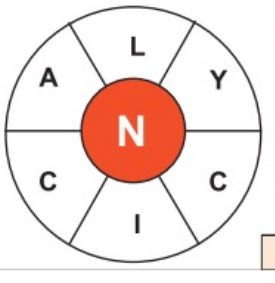


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5	4	1		2		3	6	7
	3	2				9	4	
2			7	9	8			5
4			6	1	3			9
	5	4				7	2	
6	7	3		4		5	1	8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

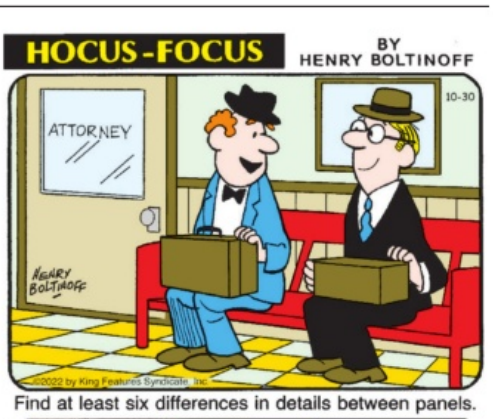
Easy = 9
1 4 5 9

Medium = 36
5 6 7 9

Hard = 26
2 8 9 6

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is longer. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Man has more hair. 4. Arm of bench is shorter. 5. Doorknob is higher. 6. Hat is different.

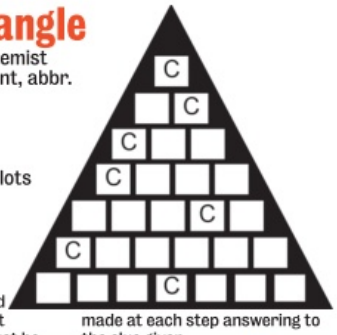
Riddler

Below are 3 pairs of words. Find the words that fit in the middle of each pair of words to create two new words, one front-ended and one back-ended. Example: EVER – _____ – HORN Answer: EVER – GREEN – HORN

1. STEP – _____ – PROOF
2. FIRE – _____ – BOAT
3. PICK – _____ – KNIFE

Alpha triangle

1 Carbon for the chemist
2 Alternating current, abbr.
3 Household animal
4 Small talk
5 Give lessons
6 Pure
7 Consignments or lots



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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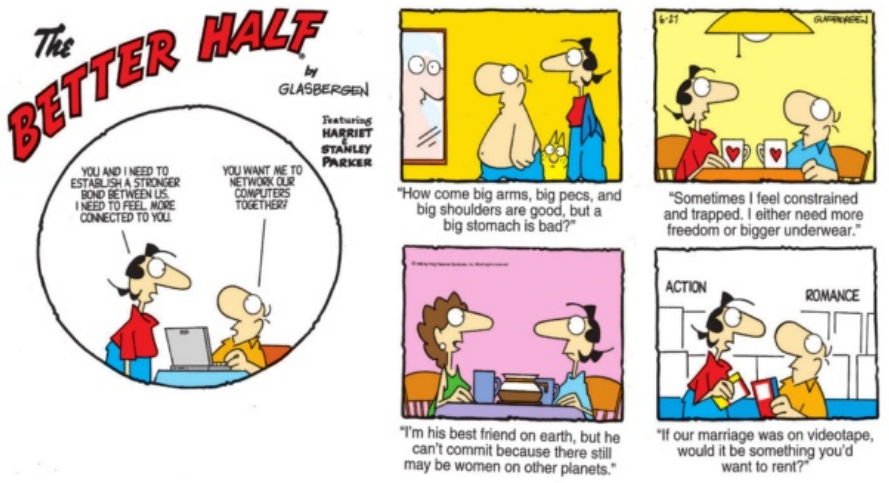
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YUP.
AND NOT MANY YEARS AFTER THAT IT'LL BE WREN'S TURN.
VERY TRUE.
REALLY MAKES YOU THINK HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SAVE MONEY, DOESN'T IT?
IT SURE DOES.
AND YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE RIGHT TIME TO BRING IT UP.
SALE
YOU'RE WELCOME.
GINORMOUS TVs
NOT-SO-SMART TVs

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
YESSIR, I'M THE GREATEST NEWS-PAPERMAN EVER TO COME DOWN THE PIKE!
PROP ME IN THE MIDDLE OF A SWAMP-AND I COME UP WITH A SCOOP!
WHAT'RE YOU BLITHERING ABOUT, JAMESON?
YOU WON'T GET MUCH MILEAGE OUT OF "REVEALING" THAT I'M THE HULK!
OF COURSE NOT! THAT SECRET GOT BLOWN AGES AGO!
I'M THINKING ABOUT A SECRET THAT'S STILL A SECRET!
STAN LEE 9-21 DAVID/SINNOTT
HE MUST'VE LEARNED PETER PARKER CAME TO THE GLADES WITH DR. CONNORS—
—AND REASONED OUT MY SECRET IDENTITY!
JUST WAIT TILL THE DAILY BUGLE COMES OUT TOMORROW MORNING—
—AND THE WORLD READS THE HEADLINE—
"WORLD'S TOP SCIENTIST IS MONSTER KNOWN AS THE LIZARD!"
LIFE IN RUINS?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be happy. You are likely to plan an overseas work-related trip, which will grow your business in the near future. Spending money on luxury items may improve in your lifestyle, but you are advised not to drive yourself towards glamour or addictions. It may affect your financial health.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are advised to control your way of speaking . Your harsh tone may affect family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items to maintain your social status. It is advised to not keep your money loose in the pocket.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be busy with your children's career or extracurricular activities. You may take some advice from someone regarding career options. You can meet consultants or specialists as well. You may also hear good news regarding your children's results. You may invest some capital into your family business.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you must control your way of speaking and be careful of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to avoid making investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money as it may not be recovered easily. You are advised to do meditation and yoga to come out from stress. Lovebirds are advised to avoid controversies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today job seekers may find a new job. There are chances of promotions in your current job. In business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful in terms of growth and profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In your domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse, otherwise it will create some distance in your relationship.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a day of success in terms of your profession. Your plans are now going to bring positive results in terms of profits. There may be good news related to your past investments. Your creativity may help you to improve your professional skills. Job seekers are likely to get a suitable job. Students may have good focus after self analysis. You may be able to understand the feelings of your spouse.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, until afternoon, you may be upset. Afternoon onwards, elders may protect you from a messy situation. Your willpower may help you complete your delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in your domestic life. By evening, you may see gains in terms of past investments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon is not positive. There are chances that you may not feel well. You might have health issues. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard in their studies. You are also advised to avoid rash driving.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life as it may increase understanding with your spouse. There may be new partnerships in your business. Innovations may help your business grow. Disputes in partnerships may be resolved now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today your good health will make you happy. Health-related issues are now resolved. You may control worthless expenditure and new sources of income are likely to be opened. This may boost your financial health. Singles may find their soulmate today.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your moon is positive. You may have some sort of good energy. You may be able to perform your tasks efficiently. You may also help some needy people or donate to charity. You may spend your time studying intellectual subjects. You can also plan for higher studies to groom your career.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, until evening, you may be impatient. You may lack confidence, which can reflect into your way of working. Your parent's health could make you upset. So could your children's behaviour. You should try to focus on yourself and try to avoid scattering your energy. Investments in risky assets are advised to be avoided.

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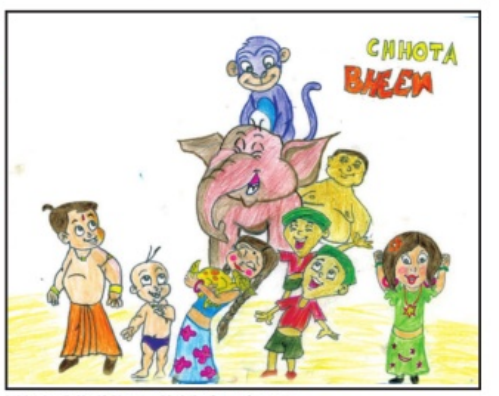

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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=8+2×3^2
=8+2×27
=8+54
=62

BULL'S EYE
clan, cynic, CYNICAL, inlay, lain, nail

FAST FIVE

N	A	Z	I	S
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RIDDLER
1. STEP - CHILD - PROOF,
2. FIRE - HOUSE - BOAT,
3. PICK - POCKET -
KNIFE

STRIKE OUT

R	E	T	O	O	K		S	K	E	W	E	R		
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MENSA PUZZLE
D: the dot is in a triangle

QUOTE UNCODE
You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six. - Yogi Berra

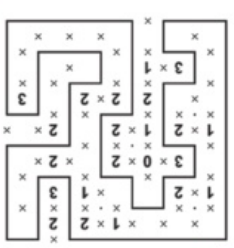
SUDOKU

5	4	1	8	2	9	3	6	7
7	6	9	4	3	1	8	5	2
8	3	2	5	6	7	9	4	1
2	1	6	7	9	8	4	3	5
3	9	7	2	5	4	1	8	6
4	8	5	6	1	3	2	7	9
9	5	4	1	8	6	7	2	3
1	2	8	3	7	5	6	9	4
6	7	3	9	4	2	5	1	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, AC, Cat, Chat, Teach, Chaste, Batches.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 4 + 5 – 1 = 9
Medium
6 – 7 + 5 x 9 = 36
Hard
9 – 6 x 8 + 2 = 26

LOOP



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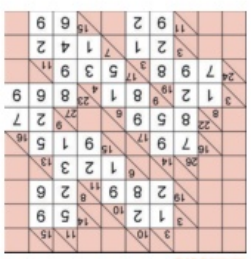

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A musical thrill
Nargis Fakhri's fans were in for a treat as they saw her in a musical, just as 2023 begins. The actress launched a new music video titled 'Pyaase'. It is sung by Bohemia & Preetinder, with music by Rajat Nagpal

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NO PICS PLEASE

Alia, Ranbir request paps to not click any pics of their little one as yet

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor recently became parents to a baby girl on November 6, 2022. They announced her name Raha Kapoor soon after. A few days back, they were captured while taking a walk on the streets in the city with her, too. But in an informal meeting with the paparazzi on Saturday, Ranbir and Alia have requested the media and photographers to refrain from clicking Raha's pictures.

Ranbir said that at least in the initial years, they want to be very protective about her. Later on, of course, when Raha grows up and she wants to be on social media, it would be her choice but as parents they would want to be as protective as they can for now. Alia further added that, they completely understand that the paparazzi is just doing their job, but at the moment, Raha is just a little girl who's just started seeing and recognizing the face of her parents, so she isn't even aware about the fame and the celebrity life. Hence, they wouldn't want her pictures to be clicked at the moment. Alia confessed that Ranbir and she are nervous parents and since this is the first time that they've become parents, they want to be extra careful.

The couple further assured the paparazzi that they would always pose for them and never say no for pictures but it would be great if they didn't click Raha's pictures. Even Neetu Kapoor was present and she asked the paparazzi if they have any complaints of the star couple. The paps agreed that Neetu was everyone's favourite.

Alia also suggested that if at all Raha gets clicked, they should hide her face with a heart emoji or any other graphic. Ranbir and Alia also revealed that they would also talk to fan clubs to not let Raha's pictures go viral. The couple said that when they feel the time is right, they would want to cherish the moment where they introduce Raha to the world as their daughter.

—ETimes

One for the album

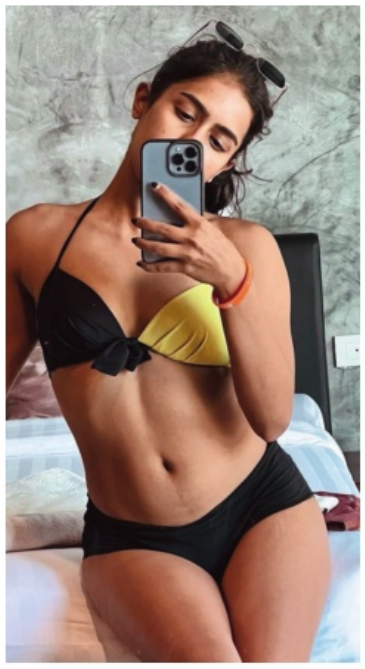
Athiya Shetty, daughter of actor Suniel Shetty and wife Mana has been dating cricketer KL Rahul for close to three years now. The duo, who have never officially confirmed their relationship, however do not shy away from getting clicked either and often post mushy pics and loved up notes for each other on Instagram.

Recently, Athiya's younger brother Ahan posted a late New Year album that featured his sister, KL Rahul, girlfriend Tania Shroff and many other friends. The pictures seemed to be clicked at a party that showed the group having fun in their bling party outfits. Sharing the album, Ahan wrote, "Better late than never." **— ETimes**

On a solo trip

Actress Samyukta Hegde is in celebration mode and travelling solo. And she is sharing her best moments in Thailand's Phi Phi islands, off Phuket, on her social media handles and her pictures in a two-piece bikini are going viral.

"Travelling solo, missing flights, boats and buses, making new friends and so many happy memories," one of her captions reads. Talking about her deep-sea diving experience, Hegde described how amazing it was to go 100 feet deep into the ocean, in the day and at night. "I have always loved water so much. I am just happy I took this solo trip, having all this time to myself has been really good for me! Not just the fact that I had a lot of fun but also I'm gonna have some great stories to tell when I'm old," she said. **— IANS**



The unbearable goriness of being

THUGS OF RAMAGHADA
RATING 2 ★★☆☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Karthik Maralabhavi
- **ACTORS** Ashwin Hassan, Chandan Raj, Mahalakshmi Annapoorna, Sharmila Chandrasekhar
- **Duration** 120 minutes
- **Certification** A

This movie's plot revolves around a group of people who take to crime to make a quick buck. It starts off with Aravind (Chandan Raj) hiring a gang to rob money from Felix, a businessman. They conspire how to stop Felix's vehicle and rob him, but Felix's daughter Jennifer (Sharmila Chandrasekhar) arrives in the vehicle with the money instead. One of the gang members shoots at Jennifer while snatching the bag containing money from her. The gang escapes from the scene and police register a case.

Meanwhile, Jennifer's husband Samuel (Ashwin Hassan) appears on the scene and begins eliminating the gang members one by one. At this juncture, the scene shifts to a rocky place near Ramaghada where Aravind happens to see a stranger running away with the cash after killing the gang members. Aravind chases the stranger and tries to shoot him but Mallanna, a villager, gets killed in the shootout.

Aravind asks autorickshaw driver Shambu to give him a lift to the nearest police station. Shambu refuses but his sister Renuka (Mahalakshmi Annapoorna), insists that he help Aravind and also allows him to stay a night at her home. Both of them fall in love. Meanwhile, Samuel arrives at Rayagada. What happens to Aravind and Samuel is the climax.

Ashwin, who has played a police inspector in a few Kannada movies, is convincing as a concerned husband who ruthlessly avenges his pregnant wife's murder. Chandan Raj's performance is okay. Mahalakshmi Annapoorna looks beautiful and her dialogue delivery is good.

The drawback of this movie is the poor screenplay. Some of the scenes – especially the scene where an auto driver's sister allows a stranger to stay the night at her house and the other where a stranger gets a motorcycle to bring medicines -- are not realistic. This movie showcases police officers in a poor light. Too much blood and gore is the other drawback of this movie.

It is worth a watch if you have not much else to do and want to kill time.

—Y Maheswara Reddy